

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [008] with the following amended paragraph.

[008] According to another aspect the invention resides in a method of monitoring the assembly of threaded components comprising sensing the variation in temperatures of the inter-engaged surfaces of the threaded coupling whilst being threadably engaged or disengaged and monitoring the temperature of the inter-engaged surfaces of the coupling for the occurrence of zones which are the subject of an increased temperature when compared to the remainder of the threaded coupling.